

Staff Report

Subject: Request to ratify the agreement to purchase three (3) Fire Engines
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Meeting Date: 12/07/2021
Item Description: Consideration to ratify the agreement to purchase of three (3) Fire Engines

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approving the ratification of an agreement to purchase of three (3) Fire Engines from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC

Executive Summary/Background: Effingham County Fire Rescue strives to keep its fleet in a state of continual readiness, with many fire engines having a lifespan of 20-25 years.

Effingham County was notified of a price increase upcoming on August 4th, 2023. Additionally, due to supply chain issues, as well as high demand, fire engine delivery times have reached at least 32 months from when orders are placed. Also, manufacturers are already selling out of their forecasted allotment of motors that fall under the current emission standards. The new emission standards are being implemented in 2026/2027.

These three fire engines will replace three 1996/1997 models, which upon delivery of the new apparatus, will be around 30 years old.

Funding for this purchase will be requested in the FY2026 budget.

Options/Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

Recommended Option: Approve to ratify the agreement to purchase three fire engines from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC

Other Alternative(s): Deny ratification of the agreement to purchase three fire engines from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC

Department Review: Fire, Finance, Purchasing, County Manager

Funding Source: Fire Fund (FY 2026: 2,265,500)

Attachments: Contract, GPO Bid Documents